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WITHIN THE WEEK

In a singular admission of impending defeat, Goebbels and Himmler this wk issued separate but significantly similar blueprints for organized fanatical guerrilla warfare within the Reich, following Allied occupation.

There is no element of surprise in these declarations. They are in characteristic Nazi vein and imply fulfillment of promises often made in the past. And such a program is not to be taken lightly. It is too early to note reaction of German people generally to Allied occupation. But there's no point in denying that fanatical minority can cause much trouble, make orderly administration extremely difficult. Prospects for an early formal peace with German gov't now appear increasingly unpromising. We probably face prolonged period of chaos and disorder.

MORGENTHAU PLAN: Program sponsored by Sec'y of Treasury (opposed by War and State dep'ts) for German reconversion was either faultily reported in public prints, or there has been rapid reversal. It's now said plan does not call for completely agrarian Germany, but combination of agriculture and light industry, which is something quite different. British daily press has been discreetly mute on Morgenthau plan (as

originally announced) but wkly opinion journals were loud in denunciation. Comments range from "Fatal folly" (*Spectator*) to "Economic lunacy" (*New Statesman & Nation*.)

CHINA: Two yrs ago, when there was gen'l idolatry of Chiang Kai-shek gov't, we began pointing to grave internal weaknesses. Chungking gov't has steadily deteriorated. It is, and has been a fact that effective resistance to Jap invader has chiefly been thru Yen'an (Chinese Communist) forces. They have more troops in contact with the enemy than has Chungking. Chiang Kai-shek has been repeatedly urged by associates in United Nations to effect some form of truce with Yen'an, but stalemate continues.

It is now worth noting that Communists control provinces adjacent to Manchuria, and that if Japanese in that area are to be attacked from the south, it must be thru this Communist-held territory. We do not, at this time, go so far as to forecast early fall of Chungking gov't, but if rival Chinese factions cannot get together, U S and Britain may be forced to arm and otherwise aid Yen'an in order to prosecute war with Japan. To put it bluntly, Chungking appears in grave danger of missing the boat.



SHIFTING SANDS

Price of new autos, when again available, is most important for this may indicate trend in other durable goods. Several valid reasons for holding prices at lowest levels possible: (1) low prices assure expanding mkt; (2) minimize competition from outsiders who view tempting automobile field; (3) tend to discourage gov't price control. New prices will reflect higher labor costs, but these have in some measure been offset by war-developed techniques and economies. There's some belief iron and steel will decline from present high levels. All in all, 1st offerings may be 7-10% above '42 models. . . One factor that stimulates Ford, Crosley, others, to build small, low-priced car: at outset, there will be virtually no used cars. Those who, in normal mkt, buy used cars may be considered prospects for small, economical new car at a price somewhere in the neighborhood of \$500-\$600.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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"We feel sure that the press and public will respect it as being our own affair."—BARBARA HUTTON and CARY GRANT, announcing a reconciliation after 7 wks separation.

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"I would not take a million dollars for what I got out of my two trips to the war zones—not even if Morgenthau told me I could keep every cent of it."—JACK BENNY, comedian.

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"The men who say the French girls are so smart just haven't seen an American woman in a long time. French women can't hold a candle to American women." — DINAH SHORE, just back from France, where she toured from Normandy to Verdun, entertaining soldiers.

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"I am not talking to anyone."—ANTHONY EDEN, Britain's Foreign Sec'y, awakened by telephone at 3:30 a. m. (Later, rec'd cable from Prime Minister CHURCHILL in Quebec: "Tried to get you on trans-Atlantic telephone last night.")

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"I believe 55% of Negro vote will be cast for Roosevelt."—P S PRATTIS, exec - editor *Pittsburgh Courier*, Negro jnl supporting Dewey. (*Negro Digest* poll shows 78% of Negro vote for Roosevelt, based on opinions 50 leading editors, publishers, writers of Negro press.)

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"Will the Foreign Sec'y consider . . . having a few of these conversations here instead of at strangely named places like Hot Springs, Bretton Woods and Dumbarton Oaks? What about Purley Downs, for a change?"—Sir HUBERT WILLIAMS, mbr British House of Commons.

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"Her face has taken on a soft tenderness that illumines her features like a beautiful light. It may sound awfully corny for me to say that love has done this for my child but . . . I am feminine enough to know that love given and rec'd does more for a woman than all the beauty preparations in the world."—LELA ROGERS, mother of the actress, GINGER ROGERS,

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"We respond to an appeal from Emperor Hirohito by adopting a victory resolution promising to renew our indignation."—RADIO TOKIO.

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"I've never yet met a soldier without a sense of humor."—Lt MARION REEDY, Chicago, Army nurse who has just ret'd from 3 yrs duty overseas.

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"We want peace not for 5, 10 or 20 yrs. We want our children to tell stories about tanks as tho they were prehistoric monsters."—ILYA EHRENBURG, Red Army correspondent, quoted by QUENTIN REYNOLDS, *Collier's*.

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"Are we going to see Italian soldiers fighting with the Allies against Japan while other hundreds of thousands of Italian soldiers are prisoners of the same allies?"—*Risorgimento Liberale*, Rome newspaper, urging caution in declaring war on Japan.

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"Its mission is to increase the fighting strength of the people thru a religious fervor."—Bulletin issued by Japanese gov't announcing creation of Gov't-controlled wartime patriotic religious society. (Simultaneously, Japanese gov't ordered dissolution of all existing federated church organizations.)

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"We have followed the traditional American pattern in regard to China. First we rushed to idolize. Those of us who knew China shuddered and trembled. . . . No country—and no individual—can stand sentimental idolatry and idealization. Revulsion is sure to come."—PEARL S BUCK, in *Common Sense*.

"This war will bring a New World or a New World War."—LOUIS FISCHER, well-known liberal writer.

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"We're out to win battles, not dress parades."—Gen Jos W STILLWELL, commenting on informal dress of his forces in Burma.

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"I love Americans." — ELIZABETH McLEOD, gazing fondly at her one remaining engagement ring. (She sold 11 to support herself since arriving here from Scotland; faces Federal prosecution for illegal entry into U.S.)

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"What I think and feel doesn't make a pin's difference to what actually happens in this country."—ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, in a press conference, emphasizing that voters, in making their choice, should consider only her husband's record, not hers.

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"I'm playing the sea cook—and I don't cook very well."—BARRY FITZGERALD, veteran Hollywood actor, displaying a bandaged hand, the result of contact with hot grease. (FITZGERALD, in role of an elder priest, "ran away with the show" in film *Going My Way*, starring BING CROSBY.)

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"This statement is stupid. We ought to say, 'Unfortunately the Fuehrer does not know; otherwise he would put it right.' However, officers may rest assured that he knows far more than they suspect."—Captured instructions issued to Nazi Parachute div, on avoidance of phrase, "If the Fuehrer only knew. . . ."

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"You have restored to the women something which they lost in the past 50 yrs—the charm of knowing how to faint."—FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT, to FRANK SINATRA at a recent White House meeting. (Later in conversation when SINATRA was asked his secret, he replied, "I wish to hell I knew." SINATRA has scheduled and will personally pay for 15-min network broadcast to campaign for FDR, according to LEONARD LYONS, N Y columnist.)

"Don't make V-Day a Spree Day!" — Slogan of Nat'l Safety Council.

"Are our sons fighting for the America of our fathers, or for the America of the experimenters?"—WILL H HOUGHTON.

"When we quit hating FDR and start hating the things that make the forgotten man vote for him, we shall begin to move."—REV ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR.

"I am going to campaign by keeping my trap shut!"—FRANKLIN P ADAMS ("FPA" of *Information, Please*) Democratic candidate for State Senate in Conn.

"I am positively not campaigning for Thos E Dewey any place. The America First party is merely supporting the Republican party in N Y state as the lesser of two evils."—GERALD L K SMITH, America First candidate for President.

"We have stairs here for Republicans."—CHARLIE MITCHELL, elevator operator at Ga State capitol bldg, Atlanta, to man wearing Dewey badge. (Man turned and walked up stairs, while MITCHELL, somewhat chagrined, explained to other occupants of car, "I was only joking.")

"Freedom of peoples is not won by persecution; it is won by tolerance and by freedom of conscience."—DOMINGO FAUSTINO SARMIENTO, founder 1st normal school in S America. SARMIENTO died Sep 11, and date has been set aside as Teachers' Day in Western hemisphere, by action Ministers and Directors of Education of American Republics.)

"The total tonnage of American supplies to the Chinese army in eastern China, from the time of Pearl Harbor to the present, would not suffice to sustain a single British or American division in combat for one wk."—Spokesman for Chinese military council, in Chungking, refuting by implication, CHURCHILL statement that China had rec'd "lavish American help."

"This talk about women of 40 being glamorous is the bunk."—REP CLARE BOOTHE LUCE, who is 41.

"It isn't blood that makes an American. It's what you believe and stand for."—FRANK MURPHY, associate justice, U S Supreme court.

"Next time you go shopping with a man who is buying himself a hat, be sure he picks out a color that is becoming to you."—HELENE GARNELL, millinery designer.

"When I want to attract attention, I whisper. In Hollywood, a whisper is so unusual that everyone listens with profound surprise."—BUDDY DESYLVA, motion picture writer.

"We consider ourselves at war with Japan."—Italian Under Sec'y VENOSTA, accusing Japanese of brutally mistreating Italian diplomatic personnel. (But Japan, last wk, was cool to suggestion that she participate actively in Pacific.)

"I was scared to open my eyes for fear I might see angels."—Pvt JOE AIELLO, Bronx, N Y, who fell 3000 ft when his parachute failed to open. (He landed in a tree, escaped without a broken bone. His 1st words on regaining consciousness: "The damn air corps! I shoulda stayed in the medics!")

"Collaborate? Never! I only appeared in Paris twice during the opposition—for 2 mo's each time."—MAURICE CHEVALIER, French actor, once popular in U S, answering charge that he had been friendly with Nazi forces occupying France. (Earlier report that CHEVALIER, had been killed by liberating forces was result of confusion in names.)

"Your campaign utterances indicate that if there is one thing you dislike more than Harold Ickes, it is facts."—HAROLD L ICKES, Sec'y of Interior, in public jibe at Gov THOS E DEWEY. (As in previous campaigns, Sec'y ICKES is playing his role of taunting opposition candidates. They, in turn, single him out as a natural for verbal brickbats.)

"I regret that I have failed in the task of converting Ghandi."—MAHOMAD ALI JINNAH, pres, Moslem League (Reuters reports Hindu-Moslem unity conversations broken off).

"What's all this reconversion talk? Have they quit printing maps in the U S?"—Capt A C GEER, San Francisco, writing from Saipan to remind Americans that our Pacific forces are "1600 long bloody miles" from Japan's mainland.

"The belief that because a man is old he has outlived his usefulness is wasteful, destructive, untrue. But the prestige of the old must be restored; they must be brought back from exile into society."—DR MAX GUMPERT, (44) author, *You Are Younger Than You Think*.

"Darf ich?—Query of an elderly woman in mourning, pausing at entrance of Parish church of Rotgen, where Archbishop FRANCIS J SPELLMAN, of N Y was celebrating 1st formal mass on German soil. (Assured that she might enter, the woman and a number of other Germans entered, knelt beside American infantrymen fresh from battle of the Siegfried line.)



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MINING THE MAGAZINES

A Weed to the Rescue — MARY LEARNED, *Tracks* (hm C&O Ry) 10-'44.

Yr and a half ago milkweed was —just a weed. Now, it's an important commercial product.

For a long time we imported kapok, product of the silk-cotton tree of Java. It was used in life preservers, padded jackets of aviators, airplane insulation, etc. Then came the Japs. All imports from that area were promptly cut off.

Dr Boris Berkman, Russian-born physician who came to Chicago 25 yrs ago, had been trying for a decade to convince the world of wonders of milkweed. Called to Washington, Dr. Berkman proved milkweed floss 6 times as buoyant as cork, warmer and 6 times lighter than wool.

Convinced, Congress provided \$75,000 for a plant to process the floss. This plant, situated at Petoskey, Mich, is owned by the gov't.

Thus, a new crop has been brought into fold of American agriculture.

Not only is the floss a successful substitute for kapok, but byproducts have many uses. Fiber from the stem contains cellulose, useful in paper making and in production of wallboard, rayon, explosives. Seeds make excellent chicken feed; contain an oil valuable as a drying agent in paints and varnishes. The "juice" contains an enzyme with the faculty of digesting protein. Will "tenderize" tough meat. (Indians and Mexicans have long wrapped meat in crushed milkweed leaves.) This enzyme (called "Asclepain") has potential medicinal value for skin troubles.

AGE—Youth

For genius and display, take youth; for cold calculation and planned execution, take age.—Dr THOS MIDGLEY, Jr, pres American Chemical society, addressing 108th annual meet'g.

BARBARISM

Ernie Pyle has wisdom. His real contribution is the wise grasp of basic values. . . I remember particularly one occasion in Naples where a half-doz of us were gathered.

It was the fad then to speak approvingly of the probably mythical savagery of various native troops. Any soldiers of color who spoke weird languages and carried knives were supposed to terrify and panic Germans by cutting off their ears and other parts. This was a subject of great hilarity.

One evening at dinner this legendary ferocity was being praised with relish. Somebody asked Ernie what he thought.

"I believe it is greatly exaggerated," said Pyle. "If it were true, those troops would be barbarians and we should be ashamed to have them on our side."

"That concluded the discussion.—TOM TREANOR, "What Did You See, Tom?" *Vogue*, 10-1-'44.

CARE—Careless

The air corps had (probably still has) a method for making parachute riggers careful. When a man finished a course as a parachute rigger at one of the army schools his commencement exercise consisted in his bailing out of a plane in a parachute he himself had packed. The quaint custom contributed much to carefulness.—*Good Business*.

CHURCH—Purpose

The business of the Christian Church is to lead men up and up. If she persists in saying that religion only (in its narrow sense) is her business, men of sense and sympathy will leave her.—Dr WM S RAINSFORD, quoted in *The Witness*.

CIVILIZATION

Whenever China has a little time to spare for meditation, she probably wishes she had never invented civilization in the 1st place.—OLIN MILLER, syndicated col.

COMMON SENSE—vs. Pedantry

Army assigned eminent psychiatrists to determine best way to select soldiers for duty on various fronts. After many tests, the learned prof's made a report. The best way to find out whether a soldier would be more effective in the desert or in the frozen north, was to ask:

"What kind of weather do you like—hot or cold?"—*Jnl American Med Ass'n*.

CONVERSION

Dwight Moody, the evangelist, once reported "two and a half conversions."

"Two adults and a child, I suppose?" queried his host.

"No; two children and an adult. The children gave their whole lives. The adult had only half of his left to give."—FLOWER A NEWHOUSE, "Let Us Live!" *Inspiration*, 9-'44.

They have such refined and delicate palates

That they can find no one worthy of their ballots.

And then when someone terrible gets elected,

They say, "There, that's just what I expected."

—OGDEN NASH.

DEMOCRACY—Travesty

The underground newspaper *Le Gaulois* offers the following points on how to recognize a democracy:

"In a democracy you write your letter on a letterhead, you sign it, and the person to whom it is addressed is the 1st one to read it.

"Scoundrels are in prison.

"If someone whistles under your window, it can only be a friend calling you.

"You don't have to envy people who have apartments with two exits.

"And finally, the business man who displays a picture of the head of the state in his shop window can be an honest man just the same.

"Given this information, we are confident that all readers will unhesitatingly rally behind Monsieur Laval when the Allies try to destroy our democracy."—*The Nation*.

DISCOMFORTS—As Incentive

The Scarlet Lily was my 1st and will probably be my last literary effort. Down in New Orleans the weather is hot, our parish is poor and we're not able to afford screens on our windows. The mosquitoes wouldn't let me sleep at night, and that's when I did my writing. Now, with all the money I've won with this book, I'll have to buy screens, which will keep out the mosquitoes, permit me to sleep and thus end my writing career.—Rev Edw F. MURPHY. (Father MURPHY, recent winner of Bruce-Extension award for his romantic story, asked how a mbr of clergy could write such a thrilling story of illicit love, responded with a counter query: "How can Bing Crosby, a Hollywood actor, give such a satisfying portrayal of a priest in *Going My Way*?")

EVIL—Avoidance

Only the thick-witted should commit crimes; they do not mind, they live from day to day and nothing worries them. Evil is for the dull-witted; anyone with even traces of sensibility should avoid it if he possibly can, for he will have to smart for it. That he has a conscience makes him worse off than ever; he will be punished precisely on acc't of his conscience.—THOS MANN, *Joseph The Provider* (Knopf)

GOD—Omnipresence

Pearl Buck tells of a monkey who, irked by God's protective care, wanted to get away, "on his own." He jumped as far as he could; landed on top of a great mountain in a strange land.

Then he heard God's voice very near him: "Dear little monkey, you have jumped only to the base of my thumb. You are still in God's hand."

KNOWLEDGE

To be absolutely certain about something, one must know everything, or nothing about it.—OLIN MILLER, syndicated col.

LABOR—Domestic

Colored maid to a friend on the trolley: "Well, I reckon de war's gittin' nearly ovah. I was a hour

an' a ha'f late this mornin' an' the lady she done fire me."—*Atlanta Jnl.*

LABOR—Shortage

Hard-pressed hotel prop advertised:

"Night clerk. Swell job; nothin' to do. Boss does all the work. Good wages; coffee served every 2 hrs. Nice soft chair to sit in all night. Radio furnished."

He got an answer, but applicant insisted on every other night off and Sundays free during hunting season.—AP dispatch.

LANGUAGE—Chinese

A lady asked a Chinese scholar to translate the characters on the buckle of a silver belt she was wearing. "I am told," she said "that they stand for happiness."

"Well," said the scholar, "that may be, indirectly, but the literal translation is 'Distended with food.'"

LAW—and Liberty

Whenever man-made laws abridge the right to own, limit the right to earn, deny the right to save, prohibit the right to transmit, civilization is headed toward the jungles and man becomes qualified for citizenship in the animal kingdom.—J A ARNOLD.

Wisdom's Words

It is better to die for something than to live for nothing.

The parent problem is about to surpass the child problem.

Great men never feel great; small men never feel small.

Hard work is the yeast that raises the dough.

Just pretending to be rich keeps some people poor.

You have your machinery in reverse when you try to raise yourself by lowering somebody else.—Compiled by *Religious Telescope*.

MILITARY—Training

Golf is officially encouraged in the RAF. Constant focusing on distant horizons tends to develop long sight with many pilots, and golf has proved a good corrective.—*The London Times*.



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MEGAPHONE**

"What's happened to cigarettes?" ask smokers who face famine of favorite brands. Three factors combine to make shortage: (1) Heavy military orders; (2) 25% increase in domestic smoking (3) shortage of paper and shipping cartons. Action of WFA, upping tobacco allotments to cigarette mfgs won't relieve. Flue-cured leaf must be aged before use (mfgs say 2-3 yrs; actually may use some yr-old "quick-cured" stock.) Several tobacco converters have been forced out of business by high price of raw tobacco, low OPA ceiling on cigarettes.

Democratic talk of carrying Maine for Roosevelt is just—talk. Like Republican claims of denting solid South. Old stuff in a campaign. For psychological effect, to influence doubtful voter in other areas, who likes to ride bandwagon to Victory. Truth: neither side is jubilant. Race too close for comfort.

Nazi influence still felt in France. Bales of phoney money flood country. Bears Morgenthau's forged sig. Printed and distributed by Germans to demoralize reconversion.

Botanists are puzzled by evidence of "second spring" in southern England. Blast and havoc of flying bombs appear to have had strange effect on trees, many of which have burst into blossom. . . While U S pursues voluntary plan to close drinking places on V-E Day, British brewers make special arrangements to assure adequate stores of beer. . . U S fliers in Pacific, for whom full moon is danger omen, call it "Japanese lantern" . . . U S amusement park prop's plan more thrilling, chilling rides, including new type rollercoaster that leaps gaps to attract ret'g servicemen. . .



AGRICULTURE: Russian woman chemist has developed new bacterial fertilizer from peat which may have revolutionary effect on future treatment of soils. Planned to replace mineral fertilizers in wartime, it has increased vegetable and grain yield 20-30%. Powder, known as *Azotogen*, has astounding strength. One lb fertilizes 10 acres for grain, 3 acres for vegetables.

FOOD: Retailers (notably the large chains) are keenly interested in postwar del'y of fruits and vegetables by plane. Permits picking of products at their nutritional prime, overnight transport to mkt centers. Probably cannot compete costwise with refrigerated freight, but they believe superior product will command higher price in better outlets.

Food dehydrators have formed nat'l ass'n and have ambitious plans for postwar popularization of their products. Thus far, only soups have attained volume distribution (about \$35 million annually.) One problem may be overcoming prejudice of ret'g vets. (Dehydrators say soldier's dislike traces to "inadequate culinary skill" of army cooks.)

PROCESSES: Sound is now used to test elasticity of yarn. Old method: hang a weight on fiber. Accomplished purpose, but injured fiber. New technique employs a high note, shriller than highest piccolo whistle. Vibration stretches yarn so quickly no damage is done. (Dupont)

SCIENCE: Birth marks, disfiguring blotches, respond to X-ray if treated soon after birth. Dr Jas V Prouty, Cedar Rapids, Ia, specialist: "If all disfiguring blotches were treated as soon as discovered there would be little scarring or ulceration." (Am Roentgen Ray Society)

NINETEEN-FORTY-X

Civilians of the future may be carrying television screens on their wrists as well as watches, according to one recent prophecy. The prophet: David Sarnoff, head of RCA.—*Forbes*.

ORIGINS

The word 'monkey', used to describe a certain type of wrench, is a corruption of the proper name Moncke. Chas Moncke, London blacksmith, is credited with inventing the tool.—*Religious Telescope*.

PARABLE—Aviation

If Jesus were teaching on earth today, He might give us a parable based on the airplane—the 4 types of persons living in the atmosphere of God: the man who has no ceiling for his soul because the fogs of sin envelop him; the man with low ceiling who must hug the earth with vision of God; Christians who have a high ceiling with a large vision and outlook on life; and finally those who "mount up with wings as eagles" and have ceilings unlimited.—*The Upper Room*.

PRAYER

We go hopelessly astray if we think of prayer as a selfish endeavor to persuade, or inveigle, or browbeat God to do us a favor, or win us a victory, or even help us in some dire distress. He is not some kind of a divine bell-hop, to be summoned, as by the pressing of a button, to the service of our passing whims. God does not come to us, but we to Him—and prayer is the high road to His presence.—Dr JOHN HAYNES HOLMES (pastor, Community Church, N Y) "How to Pray," *Argosy*, 10-'44.

PROGRESS—in Asia

Asia . . . is about to take a great leap across the centuries, from medievalism to modernity . . . Asia will be moving from the hand loom into the age of plastics, without ever going through the conditioning experience of the early Industrial Revolution. As education and scientific knowledge spread, the Pacific peoples will be moving from rickshaws to electronics. — WILL ROGERS, Jr.

RATIONING—Effect

Due to rationing and other things beyond our control, we are forced to sell a 5¢ frankfurter absolutely naked — plain and ungarnished. With a 10¢ frankfurter we will allow a toasted roll, mustard and relish. These prices and regulations obtain pending the next Act of Congress.—Sign in a Conn restaurant.

RECONVERSION

It is estimated that the assignment of less than 200 technicians to planning in a single plant employing 16,000 workers may affect the employment of 500,000 workers after the European war.—*Business Action*, 9-25-'44.

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS— Co-operative Observance

At the Hebrew New Yr's service at the naval training station at Great Lakes, the altar was loaned by the Catholics, the candles were given by the Presbyterians, and flowers were the gift of the Commandant, an Episcopalian.—*Chicago Tribune*.

RESOURCES—Human

The greatest of all undeveloped natural resources are the brains of a little child—and 1400 children are born in the U S every day.—ROGER BARSON, syndicated col.

SABBATH—Observance

Two generations ago, Dr. Haegler, of Switzerland, discovered that more oxygen was lost in a day's toil than was recovered by a night's rest; but the Sabbath rest made good the cumulative losses of the wk. Since then many similar tests have confirmed Dr. Haegler's findings.—Dr ROB'T M BLACKFORD, "A Sabbath Law in Metals & Men," *Moody Monthly*, 9-'44.

SPEECH—Speaking

A research group has produced a roof which is held up by air. It is not said what happens when the orator stops.—*Detroit News*.

TROUBLE

Don't bore your friends with your troubles. Tell them to your enemies who will be delighted to hear about them.—OLIN MILLER, syndicated col.

VICTORY—Celebration

Patrons of Thos Console's barber shop, Boston, have been fairly warned. A well-displayed sign reads: "You sit in the chair at your own risk. Soon as victory bells ring I will drop my tools, whether you're half shaved or half hair cut."—*Grit*.

WAR—Production

America should be told that our unparalleled record in production is a union record, that 85% of our war production is put out by union wage-earners. . . Once the public knows the facts. . . Congress will not dare pass such anti-labor measures as the Smith-Connally law.—I N ORNBURN, sec'y-treas AFofL Union Label Trades dep't, *American Federationist*.

WAR—Weapons

A defensive weapon of the ancient warring Greeks is the subject of a new patent. This device, the caltrop, is a group of 4 sharp spikes so arranged that when they fall, one point is always up, creating a hazard to horses and men. Modern ver-

sion has hollow spikes with a hole in the base so that tire punctured by the spike will lose air thru the hole.—*The Ohmite News*, hm Ohmite Mfg Co, Chicago.

Al Smith said. . .

"I'm goin' to campaign just as I am. I won't change now even to get in the White House. I'm goin' to run just as God made me." (To a Party mbr who suggested that Al refine his grammar and diction for the '32 Presidential campaign.)

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"I would rather be a lamp post on Park Ave than Gov of Calif." (A reference to "liberal" movement sponsored by Gov Hiram Johnson, of Calif, about '10.)

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"Naw—nothin' to that idea. Abe Lincoln was a poor boy and so was I. But that doesn't make me a Lincoln by a long shot." (Angry response to suggestion that Al make political capital by comparing his origin to that of the Emancipator.)

**Mrs O'Leary's Cow**

It was 73 yrs ago this wk—Oct 8-10, 1871—that the Great Chicago Fire provided a charred foundation for the New City. The old Chicago, with its countless wooden structures, its wood-block pavement and 651 mi of wooden sidewalks was ripe for conflagration. Many wild tales have been told as to the origin of the fire, but this report, published in Chicago Times, Oct 18, 1871, is considered authentic:

Flames were discovered in a small stable in the rear of a house on the corner of DeKoven and Jefferson sts. Living at the place indicated was an old Irish woman* . . . On the morning of the fire, she was found by a reporter for *The Times* sitting on the front steps of her own house. . . At 1st she refused to speak one word about the fire, but only screamed at the top of her voice, "My poor cow, my poor cow! She is gone and I have nothing left in the world!"

Finally she was induced to talk, and this is what she said: It had been her regular nightly habit to visit the stable and see if her cow was all right. On Sunday night about 9½ o'clock, she took a lamp and went to have a look at her pet. Then she took a notion the cow must have some salt, and she set down the lamp and went in the house for some.

In a moment, the cow had accidentally kicked over the lamp. An explosion followed, and in an instant the structure was enveloped in flames.

* As a commentary on the news reporting of the period, it is interesting to note that the woman's name is not mentioned in the dispatch. She was Mrs Patrick O'Leary, 137 DeKoven st. Note that illumination was provided by a lamp, not a lantern as generally stated.

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Before me, a Notary Public, in and for the State and County aforesaid personally appeared Maxwell Droke, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the publisher of QUOTE, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation) etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the Act of March 3, 1933, embodied in Section 537, Postal Laws and Regulations, to wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor and business manager: Editor, Maxwell Droke, 1014 N. Pennsylvania street, Indianapolis, Indiana; Managing Editor, None; Business Manager, F. M. Chastean

2. That the owner is: Maxwell Droke, publisher, 1014 N. Pennsylvania street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding one per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: (If there are none, so state)—None.

4. That the two paragraphs next above, giving the names of the owners, stockholders, and security holders, if any contain not only the list of stockholders and security holders as they appear upon the books of the company but also, in case where the stockholders or security holder appears upon the books of the company as trustee or in any other fiduciary relation, the name of the person or corporation for whom such trustee is acting, is given; also that the said two paragraphs contain statements embracing affidavit's full knowledge and belief as to the circumstances and conditions under which stockholders and security holders who do not appear upon the books of the company as trustees, hold stock and securities in a capacity other than that of a bona-fide owner; and this affiant has no reason to believe that any other persons, association, or corporation has any interest direct or indirect in the said stock, bonds, other securities than as so stated by him.

MAXWELL DROKE, Publisher.

(SEAL)

ROGER V. BORING, Notary Public.

My commission expires July 6, 1947.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 2nd day of October, 1944.

As two elderly ladies were walking along the street they passed a couple of military policemen. One of the ladies drew the other's attention to the armlets bearing the letters MP.

"That's what I call sensible," she said. "It's much better for them to patrol the streets than to waste their breath in the House of Commons.—*Answers*, London.

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Latest story concerning the U S serviceman's mania for moving relates that a group of seamen got to Heaven.

"What kind of sailors are they?" inquired St. Peter.

An assistant replied that they were Americans.

"Oh, let them in," said St Peter. "They'll want a transfer in six mo's anyway."—*This Wk.*



God breathed into man the breath of life. Some men exhaled. — *Cumberland Presbyterian.*

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We have our own secret weapon: Patton Pending.—VICTOR BERGE.

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A lot of auto wrecks result from the driver hugging the wrong curves. — *Chicago Herald-American.*

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Skeptics are split on the outlook for postwar Europe. Some fear it won't live together like one big family. Others are afraid it will.—*Sen SOAPEN.*

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

LAUGHS WITH LEGISLATORS

Rep SAMUEL A WEISS
of Pennsylvania

While attending Duquesne university I exercised every effort to make the football team. After several practice games, Father Mack announced that the names of successful candidates would be listed on the bulletin board. I hurried down, and there, sure enough, was my name as *regular quarterback*.

I caught the 1st train for my home in Glassport, rushed up to my father and pantingly related the great news. He shook his head in mock solemnity, turned to my mother and said, "See Sadie, I spend \$2,000 to educate Sammy, and all I get is a quarter back!"

(NOTE: Rep WEISS modestly omits mention that he was also Captain of Duquesne team; is now a mbr of university's Athletic council.)

A favorite gag around Washington involves a new clerk in one of the bureaus. In the midst of the day's dictation he became a little hazy as to terminology and appealed to his sec'y in some embarrassment. "Er—ah—do you 'retire' a loan?"

And she answered demurely, "No; I sleep with mama."—DALE O'HARA, syndicated col.

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Paddy O'Rourke, speaking of neutrals: "Thir's the trait'rous Spaniards, the cowardly Swedes, an' the peace-lovin' Irish."—*Magazine Digest.*

This is the saga of a citizen and his uncomfortable but defiant trolley-ride:

A man carrying a huge basket of eggs boarded a st-car and placed the basket on a seat beside him. Soon the car began to fill. Standees glared at the passenger whose basket occupied a coveted seat. Feeling that an explanation was called for, the patron presently addressed the car's occupants:

"I wish one and all to understand that I paid two fares and bought two transfers. These eggs are not riding free." Our scout reports that the speech was repeated at intervals until the passenger reached his destination.

